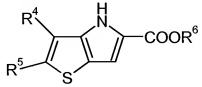
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

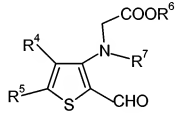
1. (currently amended) A process for preparing a compound of formula (I)



(I)

where R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from ~~hydrogen,~~ halo~~, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, ureido, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, C_{1-6}alkoxy, C_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-6}alkanoyloxy, *N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, *N,N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)$_2$amino, C_{1-6}alkanoylamino, *N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)carbamoyl, *N,N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)$_2$carbamoyl, C_{1-6}alkylS(O)$_a$ wherein a is 0 to 2, C_{1-6}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkoxycarbonylamino, *N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)sulphamoyl, *N,N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)$_2$sulphamoyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulphonylamino and C_{1-6}alkylsulphonyl-*N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino~~; and R^6 is hydrogen or a protecting group,

which process comprises cyclisation of a compound of formula (II)



(II)

where R^4, R^5 and R^6 are as defined in relation to formula (I), and R^7 is a nitrogen protecting group; and

removing the group R^7;

and thereafter optionally removing any protecting group R^6.

2. (previously presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein R^7 is a group of sub-formula (i)

(i)

where R^8 is a straight chain alkyl group of from 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

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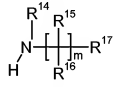
12. (previously presented) A process according to claim 1, for preparing a compound of formula (I) where R^6 is hydrogen, wherein the process further comprises the step of reacting the compound of formula (I) obtained with an amine of formula (XIII)



(XIII)

where R^{14} is selected from hydrogen or $C_{1\text{-}8}$alkyl,

m is an integer of from 0 to 4,

each R^{15} is the same or different and is selected from hydrogen, halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, ureido, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl, $C_{2\text{-}6}$alkenyl, $C_{2\text{-}6}$alkynyl, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkoxy, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkanoyloxy, *N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)amino, *N,N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)$_2$amino, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkanoylamino, *N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)carbamoyl, *N,N*-($C_{1\text{-}4}$alkyl)$_2$carbamoyl, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkylS(O)$_a$ wherein a is 0 to 2, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkoxycarbonylamino, *N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)sulphamoyl, *N,N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)$_2$sulphamoyl, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkylsulphonylamino, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkylsulphonyl-*N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)amino, $C_{3\text{-}8}$cycloalkyl, $C_{3\text{-}8}$cycloalkyl$C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl, aryl, aryl$C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl, heterocyclic group and (heterocyclic group)$C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl; wherein R^{15} may be optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from P and wherein if said heterocyclic group contains an -NH- moiety that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by a group selected from R;

each R^{16} is the same or different and is selected from hydrogen or $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl;

R^{17} is selected from hydrogen, halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, ureido, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl, $C_{2\text{-}6}$alkenyl, $C_{2\text{-}6}$alkynyl, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkoxy, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkanoyl, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkanoyloxy, *N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)amino, *N,N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)$_2$amino, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkanoylamino, *N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)carbamoyl, *N,N*-($C_{1\text{-}4}$alkyl)$_2$carbamoyl, *N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)-*N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkoxy)carbamoyl, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkylS(O)$_a$ wherein a is 0 to 2, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkoxycarbonylamino, *N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)sulphamoyl, *N,N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)$_2$sulphamoyl, sulphamoylamino, *N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)sulphamoylamino, *N,N*-($C_{1\text{-}6}$alkyl)$_2$sulphamoylamino, $C_{1\text{-}6}$alkylsulphonylamino,

C_{1-6}alkylsulphonylaminocarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulphonyl-*N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino and a group -E-F-G-H;

wherein E and G are independently selected from a direct bond, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)-, -NR^a-, -$NR^aC(O)$-, -$C(O)NR^a$-, -SO_2NR^a-, -NR^aSO_2-, -$NR^aC(O)NR^b$-, -$OC(O)NR^a$-, -$NR^aC(O)O$-, -$NR^aSO_2NR^b$-, -$SO_2NR^aC(O)$- and -$C(O)NR^aSO_2$-; wherein R^a and R^b are independently selected from hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl which is optionally substituted by a group V;

F is C_{1-6}alkylene optionally substituted by one or more Q or a direct bond;

H is selected from aryl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl and heterocyclic groups; wherein H may be optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from S and wherein if said heterocyclic group contains an -NH- moiety that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by a group selected from T;

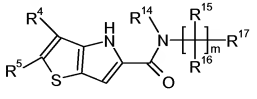
P, S and Q are independently selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, ureido, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, C_{1-6}alkoxy, C_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-6}alkanoyloxy, *N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, *N,N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)$_2$amino, C_{1-6}alkanoylamino, *N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)carbamoyl, *N,N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)$_2$carbamoyl, *N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)-*N*-(C_{1-6}alkoxy)carbamoyl, C_{1-6}alkyl$S(O)_a$ wherein a is 0 to 2, C_{1-6}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkoxycarbonylamino, *N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)sulphamoyl, *N,N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)$_2$sulphamoyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulphonylamino, C_{1-6}alkylsulphonyl-*N*-(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, aryl and heterocyclic group; wherein P, S and Q may be optionally and independently substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from V and wherein if said heterocyclic group contains an -NH- moiety that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by a group selected from U;

V is selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, acetyl, acetoxy, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, *N*-methyl-*N*-ethylamino, acetylamino, *N*-methylcarbamoyl, *N*-ethylcarbamoyl, *N,N*-dimethylcarbamoyl, *N,N*-diethylcarbamoyl, *N*-methyl-*N*-ethylcarbamoyl, methylthio, ethylthio, methylsulphinyl, ethylsulphinyl, mesyl, ethylsulphonyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, *N*-methylsulphamoyl, *N*-ethylsulphamoyl, *N,N*-dimethylsulphamoyl, *N,N*-diethylsulphamoyl, *N*-methyl-*N*-ethylsulphamoyl, morpholino, morpholinocarbonyl, *N*- benzylcarbamoyl, and 4-hydroxypiperidinocarbonyl;

R, T and U are independently selected from C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, *N*-(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, *N,N*-(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, phenyl,

benzyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, benzoyl and phenylsulphonyl wherein R, T and U may be optionally and independently substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from V;

producing a compound of formula (XIV)



(XIV)

where R^4, R^5, R^{15}, R^{16}, R^{17} and m are as defined above,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof.

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